

# Hythe Aqua Swimming Club – June 2017 Newsletter

## Hythe Aqua Club Teaching

Club Teaching returns on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June with the new term ending on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July. A new swim permit is required for this term. Hythe Aqua Teaching is now a nationally recognised fully accredited Swim England “Swim School” - well done to all involved.

## Club Championships

The Hythe Aqua Sprint Championships were recently completed and a large amount of new personal best times were recorded. Well done to the Teaching Group children that entered with most doing very well. The main club championships will take place in early July on the following dates: Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>. The Sunday sessions will be 200m & IM events and a programme will be circulated later for these dates by the Club Coaches. The age group events will be held on the Tuesday/Thursday evenings with Breast & Back on the Tuesday and Fly & Free on the Thursday. Ages are based on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017. Distances on the Tues/Thurs are: 8yrs & under 25m, 9/10yrs 50m and 11/12yrs upwards 100m.

Teaching Groups are welcome to enter but must complete an entry form which will be emailed separately and returned by the closing date – 30<sup>th</sup> June. During the Sprints, many children entered on the night which caused difficulties with the programme and so entry forms must be completed and returned by the 30<sup>th</sup> June, if you wish to swim. Squad swimmers are automatically entered and do not need to complete forms.

## Hythe Aqua AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Hythe Aqua Swimming Club will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 8.00pm at the United Reformed Church, Hythe.

## August Training Arrangements

The training for the August holiday period has been finalised with the dates being posted on the club website. As usual the club cancels a number of sessions during the holiday period and these will be circulated in early July.

## Hythe Aqua

For the record, we constantly come across parents who think that Hythe Aqua is in some way linked to Shepway Council and pool. For clarity, the club pays pool hire charges for all its sessions and is totally separate from Hythe Pool or Shepway Council. As a voluntary organisation all our club coaches, teachers, administrators, poolside helpers etc, etc are volunteers and nobody takes any payment from the club. The good news is that there has been no increase in pool hire fees for 2017/18 and so we are hopeful that fees can be maintained at their current level. The long pool closure during 2016 was very testing on club finances and the Club Treasurer is closely monitoring fee collection to ensure we can continue to keep our participation costs to a minimum.

## Princes Parade – Proposed Pool

The proposed pool development on Princes Parade continues its progress and a planning application for the site is expected this month. The proposed pool will include:

- 1 x 25m x 6 lane competition equipped swim pool
- Spectator seating (100 person)
- 1 x 4 lane x 12m teaching pool (visible from the café seating area)
- Swim village changing / Dry Change facilities



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- 100 station fitness gym (overlooking the sea)
- 3 x Fitness Studios
- Sports fixtures / fittings / equipment throughout building
- Café / vending area / Kitchen
- Staff Management / admin suite / staff changing facilities
- Adequate storage for all activity areas / First Aid room

## Club Membership

Many thanks to everyone for paying their club membership fees on time for 2017/18 as this reduced the administrative workload on our club volunteers.

## Volunteering

As you all know Hythe Aqua is a voluntary organisation and we welcome volunteers from parents, guardians and adults from outside the club to assist in the running of the club. We always require additional help across a number of areas including, Teaching, Coaching, Adminstrating and Officiating. If you have time available, please let us know and we can discuss your interests and how you would like to assist. You will be supported and mentored and provided with training so don't worry.

## Range of Disciplines on Offer at Hythe Aqua

The club offers:

Learn to swim through the Hythe Aqua Swim School – Tues/Thurs between 6.00 and 7.10pm (term time)

Competitive Squads – Tues/Thurs/Sundays

Synchronised Swimming – Sat/Sunday

Junior Water Polo – Sundays

Senior Water Polo – Thursdays

Masters/Adult Swimming – Wednesday/Fridays

If you are interested in any of these sections, please contact the Club Secretary for further details.

## Social Media



As well as the Club Website we also have a Facebook site (Hythe Aqua SC Club Site) that will be used to keep club members up to date - website: [www.hytheaqua.org.uk](http://www.hytheaqua.org.uk) We need to hear about the successes of our club members across all the club disciplines, so if you have a story/photographs regarding a water polo match, a swimming or synchro competition or other swimming related sport make sure we hear about it by sending your draft to the club secretary.

## Swimshop Discount

Follow the link from our club website homepage ([www.hytheaqua.org.uk](http://www.hytheaqua.org.uk)) to Simply Swim and enter the code "SWIMCLUB" in the promo code when checking out and get a 10% discount on your order.



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## Safety

Lastly, as we move quickly towards the summer months it is important to stress the importance of water safety. According to the National Water Safety Forum there were 300 accidental drownings in the UK (11 in Kent) in 2016. Parents have asked what the club does about water safety messages. Our Swim School Skills include specific areas of water safety as part of the programme that individual swimmers need to pass. In addition to this Kent Fire and Rescue provide water safety advice and there is a very impactful video on their website that parents may want to view and consider for their children. This may not be suitable for all age groups and so it is advised that parents view first and consider whether it is appropriate for their child:

<http://www.kent.fire-uk.org/your-safety/water-safety/>



In addition to water safety we would advise parents that with the Pool Lifeguards our Club Teachers and Coaches supervise sessions in the pool area. The Club cannot be responsible for supervising car parks, pool corridors, and grass areas outside the pool. We would ask that parents supervise their children in these areas. Please also note that the changing rooms, corridors and toilets are open to the public during club sessions.

## Have a Great Summer

